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CONFIRMATION NO. 1308

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$1868 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$2768 for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.

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 02 FC:1201  
 03 FC:1202  
 04 FC:1051

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 1008.00 OP  
 130.00 OP

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1868
  - \$860 for 10 independent claims over 3.
  - \$1008 for 56 total claims over 20.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Andrew Baker

Serial Number: 10/817,427

Filed: April 5, 2004

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING AN  
IDEAL CORE DISTRIBUTION AND  
METHOD OF PREPARING SAME

Art Unit: 3761

Confirmation No.: 1308

Examiner: *not yet know*

Customer No.: 21967

Attorney Docket No.: 53394.000752

**RESPONSE TO**  
**NOTICE TO FILE**  
**MISSING**  
**PARTS OF**  
**NONPROVISIONAL**  
**APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed June 21, 2004, Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for filing in the cited patent application, along with the required fee of \$130.00 for late filing of the Declaration. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of April 5, 2004, be granted to this application.

We are enclosing a check in payment for the following fees:

Late filing of Declaration	130.00
Statutory basic filing fee	770.00
Extra Claims	1,868.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2,768.00</u>

In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the PTO charges,  
please also charge or credit any difference to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,  
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